MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*) : Arukutty Division.

Disbandment of Excise Officers.

24. MR. T. KUMARA PILLAI (*Eraniel* cum *Vilavankod*): (*a*) Will the Government be pleased to state the total number of Petty Officers and peons disbanded in connection with the reorganisation of the Excise Department?

(*b*) How may of these were disbanded in each Circle?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) No permanent hands were disbanded in connection with the reorganisation, but 20 Petty Officers and 139 peons who were either temporary or acting were disbanded.

(*b*) A statement* containing the information is laid on the table

Revenue from the Arukutty Circle.

25. MR. T. KUMARA PILLAI (*Eraniel* cum *Vilavankod*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the annual income under customs revenue in the Arukutty Circle for the past seven years;

(*b*) the amount of customs revenue in the Arukutty Circle in the current year until Edavam last;

(*c*) whether the customs revenue of the Arukutty Circle in 1098 is less than that in 1097, and, if so, what the amount of the fall is; and

(*d*) the reason for the fall?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*):

(*a*)

Year.	Revenue.		
	Rs.	Chs.	C.
1091	8,00,769	25	2
1092	8,34,221	27	14
1093	7,81,379	16	5
1094	9,93,514	5	1
1095	9,20,520	17	9
1096	10,99,383	11	7
1097	11,97,413	11	0

(*b*) The customs revenue up to the end of Edavam, 1098, is Rs. 8,75,682-3-9.

(*c*) The customs revenue of the Arukutty Division in 1098 up to the end of Edavam is less than that of the corresponding period of 1097 and the fall is B. Rs. 1,91,379-4-9.

(*d*) The fall is reported to be mainly under copra, cocoanut oil, coir, dry ginger, and pepper. The fall under coir and pepper which amounts to Rs. 70,000 is due evidently to the diversion of exports through the Alleppey Sea Customs where there is an increase of Rs. 1,23,000

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under both the items together. The fall of about Rs. 9,000 under dry ginger is small and is explained by ordinary variations in the output of the article. The fall under copra and cocoanut oil is said to be due to the comparatively smaller yield of the cocoanut trees throughout the country this year and is noticeable in other important *chowkeys* also.

Smuggling through Arukutty.

26. MR. T. KUMARA PILLAI (*Eraniel* cum *Vilavankod*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether the smuggling of goods to Cochin through the Arukutty *chowkey* is decreasing year after year?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): The Excise Commissioner reports that there is hardly any smuggling through the Arukutty *chowkey*.

Motor boats in the Arukutty Circle.

27. MR. T. KUMARA PILLAI (*Eraniel* cum *Vilavankod*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the number of motor boats attached to the Arukutty Circle at present;

(*b*) whether the purposes which the motor boats are intended to serve are being adequately served;

(*c*) whether those boats are being used daily at present;

(*d*) when the motor boats were purchased for the Arukutty Circle;

(*e*) what the price of each is; and

(*f*) the amount spent each year on account of the motor boats and the staff therefor?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) There are at present two motor boats, one attached to the Arukutty *chowkey* and the other to the preventive station at Nerekadavu.

(*b*) The answer is in the affirmative.

(*c*) The boats are being used daily for patrol work.

(*d*) One motor boat was purchased in Kumbham, 1096, and the other in Mithunam of that year.

(*e*) The price paid for each boat is Bh. Rs. 6,300.

(*f*) The expenditure on account of the boats and the staff attached thereto during 1096 and 1097 is shown below:—

Year.	Rs.
1096	317
1097	3,731

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